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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Jefferson City, Missouri

Colonel Jerry Adams announces the results of an idle speed zone survey recently conducted at Lake of the Ozarks. The Glaize Narrows Association (GNA) proposed the extension of the current idle speed zone on a portion of the Grand Glaize Arm of Lake of the Ozarks. The Missouri State Water Patrol developed a survey to measure the amount of support from property owners in the affected area. The GNA provided a list of qualified survey recipients based on property tax receipts to the Water Patrol. The survey was mailed at the expense of the GNA to the property owners. Property owners mailed the surveys directly back to the Water Patrol. Seventy five percent of the surveys originally mailed to area property owners were completed and returned to the Water Patrol.

The Proposal

The GNA proposed that approximately ½ mile of the Grand Glaize arm of Lake of the Ozarks be made idle speed from 10 AM to official sunset on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. This would affect approximately 33 days during that period. The proposed area extends from the Grand Glaize Bridge north for approximately ½ mile. This would be in addition to the current idle speed area, which runs from the Grand Glaize Bridge south past the Moorings Yacht Club. The additional time to idle through the new proposed area would be approximately 4 to 6 minutes. The purpose of this proposal is to enhance safety on the Grand Glaize arm, which in recent years has been compromised by extremely heavy traffic resulting from relocation of the so-called "Party Cove" to uninhabited Anderson Hollow Cove, located south of the Grand Glaize Bridge.

This proposal will not change or eliminate previously approved coves that have been established as idle speed within the area under consideration.

If this proposal is ultimately approved within the existing guidelines, all costs associated with the implementation and maintenance of buoys and signs will be borne by the applicant and supporters solicited by the applicant and shall not be the responsibility of the Missouri State Water Patrol or any other entity of state government.

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Survey Results

Total of 82 surveys mailed

Total of 62 votes cast

**57 votes or 92% were in favor
&
3 votes or 5% were opposed
&
2 votes or 3% did not indicate a preference**

Since the proposal had support from at least 75% of the respondents, it will now undergo the buoy application process. If approved, we are hopeful this will help remedy the current problems in this area of the Grand Glaize Arm. However, if after a period of time it is determined the desired effect has not been realized or if conditions have developed as a result of the idle speed zone that create more hazardous conditions, the Missouri State Water Patrol reserves the right by law and agreement with the GNA, to amend or revoke the permit on our own initiative. It must also be understood, under all circumstances, any and all expenses incurred as a result of approval, amendment or revocation of the Grand Glaize Arm idle speed zone permit shall be borne by the applicant and shall not be borne by the Missouri State Water Patrol or any other entity of state government.

The Missouri State Water Patrol has set a public buoy hearing for this matter on April 14th, 2003 at Water Patrol General Headquarters located at 2401 East McCarty in Jefferson City Missouri at 12:40 p.m.

Watch the Missouri State Water Patrol homepage at www.mswp.state.mo.us for updates on Boating Safety Courses in your area.

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